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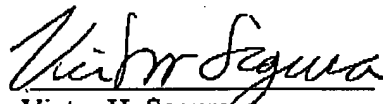
The title was objected to as not descriptive. Claims 1-2, 4, 11-12, 15 and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Lichtenberg (US 4,205,266). Claims 3 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Lichtenberg. Claims 5-10, 14 and 16-22 are indicated as allowable but for being dependent upon rejected base claims.

The title has been amended in line with the claimed invention. The limitations of allowable claims 5 and 14 have respectively been added to claims 1 and 11. Claim 23 has been amended to include similar limitations. Dependent claims 6-9, 15 and 24 have been amended for consistency with their amended base claims. Claims 5 and 14 have been canceled.

Applicant submits that claims 1-4, 6-13 and 15-24 are in condition for allowance and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. Applicant also requests an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 previously submitted with a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed August 8, 2003 for the present application. At present, there is no record in Applicant's file of the references presented in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement having been considered by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be advantageous in advancing the issuance of the present application, a call to the undersigned at (281) 285-4562 is strongly encouraged.

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